GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:132
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RASSIYAL KHURDA LAUTAM DAM
SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nepal Government has asked to stop construction of Rassiyal-Khurda Lautam Dam across Danav river near Lumbiniin Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Government of Nepal conveyed its concern this year regarding alleged inundation in bordering areas of Nepal as a result of construction of bund across Danav river.

(b) Construction of bund proposed for a length of 12.5 Km between Lotan and Rasiawal villages in Siddharthnagar district ofUttar Pradesh, to address the problem of possible flooding in the area, was initiated by the Government of Uttar Pradesh inNovember, 2000. About 1.8 kms out of the proposed 12.5 km length of this bund which is 2.2 metres in height, has already been completed. The bund also has provision of six regulators to ensure that no excess water accumulation takes place on the Nepalese side.

(c) The matter was referred to the Government of Uttar Pradesh, who are of the view that the six regulators should address Nepalese apprehension. In the meantime two joint meetings have since been held between concerned officials of India & Nepal and useful technical information exchanged. The discussions are to continue. The construction of the bund has been suspended since July, 10, 2001.